

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE  
INDEPENDENT AMERICAN PARTY OF NEVADA**

**(As Amended at the IAP State Convention April 21-22, 2002)**

**PREAMBLE**

We, the members of the Independent American Party of Nevada, recognize that throughout human history most men have been slaves to man's institutions of government; that through the providence of God, our American Forefathers, steeped in the traditions, values and discipline of Christianity, threw off the shackles of government by man; that Americans established a Constitutional Republic, a government of law, under God, rooted in Biblical law, which controlled and regulated government, liberating the people and making the government the servant of the people.

We declare: That the proper role of government as defined by The Declaration of Independence; The Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights is to protect the God given rights of Life, Liberty and Property; that usurpation of further power by government constitutes tyranny.

We Independent Americans acknowledge:

1. That many Americans have ignored the Laws of God.
2. That our governments sanction abortion -- the killing of our posterity.
3. That American governments, under the control of the Democrat and Republican monopoly, have become agents of plunder, of crushing oppressive taxation, of aid and comfort to our enemies.
4. That the Republican-Democrat political merger has deserted the Constitutional Principles upon which our liberty is predicated, and is promoting debt, spiraling taxation and the constant expansion of bureaucracy in order to maintain its political power over the people.
5. That our citizens, families and businesses are shackled with debt and harassed by bureaucrats.
6. That these tyrannies are undermining traditional family values and causing the decline of our nation.
7. That we, as a people, have surrendered our ability to be self-governing to massive government and international entanglements.

In order to reassert our rights as free men and women, We the People of Nevada have created an Independent American political party. In Article VII of the U.S. Constitution, The Founders of Our Nation stated that the United States Constitution was 'Done in Convention by the Unanimous Consent of the States present the Seventeenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven. . . ' thus acknowledging Jesus Christ as the Lord of "We the People of the United States" and as the God of this land. We appeal unto Him for guidance and power to accomplish

His purposes, as “. . . where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty,” 2 Cor. 3.17

The First Responsibility of Government is to protect innocent life. We choose life and support the protection of innocent life from conception to natural death. Thus, we are opposed to abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. Nations and people who find the life of another so inconvenient as to destroy and deny life to the innocent deserve neither life nor liberty themselves -- and thus sow their own demise. We call for a cessation of this national destruction.

We Independent Americans assert our birth right as free men and women to KEEP and BEAR ARMS in order to protect LIFE, LIBERTY and PROPERTY from common criminals and political tyrants who always prefer unarmed victims. We call for the repeal of all Federal, State and Local regulations which encumber our Right to KEEP and BEAR ARMS.

We affirm: That indebted people cannot be free people: that the power to tax is the power to enslave; that the only way to reduce the size and scope of big government is to REDUCE TAXATION and to reintroduce to government (Federal, State and Local) the principles of frugality and fiscal responsibility.

We Independent Americans oppose all forms of tyranny and injustice and believe in constitutional, limited government, more individual responsibility and a better world under God.

The Independent American Party of Nevada is aligning itself with similar parties of independent-minded people in other States of the Union to form a national political party, and will sponsor candidates for President of the United States, as well as State and Local Candidates for public office.

DECLARATION OF PURPOSE: In consequence of the subversion of governments at all levels of these United States toward the failed concepts of a socialist welfare state, and the apparent control which these concepts and their purveyors have over the major political parties, we, the members of the Independent American Party of Nevada hereby declare:

That the purpose for our association is political in nature and is designed and motivated to influence, in the most effective manner possible, the operations of our governments at all levels in harmony with principles of individual liberty as embodied in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America, as originally intended by its framers.

That in order to accomplish this purpose we must establish and perpetuate an organization that will be able to function under multiple roles including: grass roots campaigning, party membership recruitment, the distribution of political materials, and the election to office of good, wise and honest candidates who support the Constitution and sovereignty of the United States of America.

## **ARTICLE ONE**

### **THE INDEPENDENT AMERICAN PARTY OF NEVADA**

**SECTION 1:** This organization shall be known as the “Independent American Party of Nevada; hereinafter referred to as the IAP.

**SECTION 2:** (a) The Preamble affirms that philosophy upon which the Independent American Party is founded, by which it shall be sustained, and through which liberty shall prevail. The Preamble shall be “the principles and policies” referred to by all IAP political candidates for public office in the State of Nevada, when taking their oath of candidacy. The Preamble shall be included in the Charter of, and ratified by, any organization chartered by the IAP.

(b) Adoption of the Preamble, and Article One, Section 2, shall be accomplished by a vote of two-thirds majority - of those in attendance at the June 20, 1992 Meeting of the Party.

(c) Amendments, changes, or deletions of or additions to the Preamble, or this section, shall require of four-fifths vote at State Conventions after July 1, 1992.

**SECTION 3:** Members of the IAP are all persons who are Registered IAP in the State of Nevada. All members of the IAP are eligible to be nominated as delegates to all IAP State Conventions

## **ARTICLE TWO**

### **PARTY CONVENTIONS**

**SECTION 1:** The State Convention shall be the highest authority of the IAP, subject to the provisions of the charter.

**SECTION 2:** The IAP shall assemble in state convention in each general election year, at a time and place set by the authority of the Executive Committee for the purpose of choosing Candidates for public office and whatever business shall be deemed necessary and proper: including but not limited to changing this Constitution and election of IAP officers.

**SECTION 3:** Delegates to the State Convention shall be chosen at the County Convention. Delegates to the State Convention may also be selected by the State Credentials Committee with the approval of the State Chairman. The State Convention, by majority vote, may override any selection by the credentials committee of any delegate not previously selected by his own county convention. A delegate who's credentials have been questioned may not vote on that question.

**SECTION 4:** A Special Convention may be called by the Executive Committee if the Executive Committee gives the membership of the IAP six weeks notice; a Special Convention may be called by the Central Committee if the Central Committee gives the membership of the IAP six weeks notice; or a Special Convention shall be called if 15 members of the IAP request a Special Convention to the Executive Committee Secretary in writing and pay a \$25 each pre-registration fee for said Convention, upon receipt of such a request and money the Executive Committee shall give notice to the membership and shall hold a Special Convention is six weeks.

**SECTION 5:** Conduct of all Conventions shall conform to procedures established by authority of this Charter, including pertinent bylaws and resolutions of conventions.

**SECTION 6:** Not less than six weeks advance notice shall be given in any notification of the calling of a State Convention.

### **ARTICLE THREE**

#### **INDEPENDENT AMERICAN PARTY STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

**SECTION 1:** The State Central Committee shall be the governing body of the party when the State Convention is in adjournment; however, actions by the State Central Committee shall be in accord with the expressed policies of the State Convention and the provisions of this Charter. General responsibilities shall include (I) issuing the call to the State and County Conventions; (ii) formulation and dissemination of statements of party policies; (iii) providing for the election of officers, filling of vacancies, and (iv) all other actions necessary and appropriate in order to carry out the provisions of this Charter.

**SECTION 2:** The State Central Committee shall be composed of a State Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer; three At-Large members; all Chairmen of those counties chartered as provided in Article Six, Section 5; National Committee Members, and up to 10 other members chosen regionally as follows: 30% from Washoe County, 50% from Clark County and 20% from the remaining Counties. Regional Central Committee Members shall be chosen as follows:

1. In Washoe and Clark Counties, they shall be selected by the County Party. In the remaining Counties, they shall be elected at a caucus of all the remaining counties, to be held at the State Convention, by majority vote of those present or represented by proxy, said caucus to be conducted by the State Vice Chairman. All these shall be voting members. All members of the IAP shall be ex-officio non-voting members.

**SECTION 3:** Terms of the office and vacancies: (I) The State Central Committee members shall serve for two years or until their successors have been elected; (ii) any vacancy in the Committee or in the offices thereof, including from death, resignation, or

other cause, shall be filled by the authority of the remaining members of the State Central Committee, with the exception of National Party Committee Members.

**SECTION 4:** Any member of the Central Committee may be removed from office for cause, by two-thirds vote of the Central Committee, except a County Chairman, whose removal shall be governed under Article Ten, Section 3. Any Member of the State Central Committee sought to be removed shall be given an opportunity to present his case in his own defense at a properly called regular or special meeting.

**SECTION 5:** A regular meeting of the State Central Committee shall be held at least once yearly, following at least six weeks written notice by the Chairman. Other special meetings shall be called by the Chairman, the Executive Committee, or by written request of no fewer than one-fourth of the members of the State Central Committee with at least one week written notice. All meeting notice requirements may be waived by a majority of the total members of the Committee.

**SECTION 6:** The State Central Committee shall submit to each state convention a written or oral report of the activities and financial affairs of the IAP since the preceding State Convention.

**SECTION 7:** The State Central Committee may meet in person or electronically. The State Central Committee shall conduct no business in the absence of a quorum. A quorum of any regular meeting shall consist of a simple majority of the State Central Committee as defined in Article 3, Section 2. Any member of the Central Committee may give any other his proxy for that meeting in writing or by fax. Any one member of the Central Committee may carry a maximum of two proxies.

## **ARTICLE FOUR**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**SECTION 1:** There shall be an Executive Committee of the State Central Committee, which shall be responsible for the conduct of the affairs of the IAP subject to this charter, the State Convention, and the State Central Committee.

**SECTION 2:** The Executive Committee shall consist of the State Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, two National Committee members, and three At-Large members of the State Central Committee. Ex-officio non-voting membership is open to all members of the IAP.

**SECTION 3:** The Executive Committee shall regularly meet at least once each year, in person or by telecommunication. Special meetings shall be called by the Chairman or by written request of no fewer than one-fourth of its members. The Executive Committee shall keep a record of its meetings which shall be made available to the public.

**SECTION 4:** No business shall be conducted by the Executive Committee in the absence of a quorum. A quorum at a regular meeting shall be a simple majority of the

members of the Executive Committee. Business at a special meeting shall be limited to the agenda presented in the call, and provide at least ten days notice, both subject to waiver.

## **ARTICLE FIVE**

### **STATE OFFICERS**

**SECTION 1:** The State convention shall elect a State Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, two National Committeemen, and the At-Large members for the State Central Committee; each by a majority vote of the Convention in attendance.

**SECTION 2:** The State Chairman shall be the chief executive officer and direct the affairs of the State Central Committee and its Executive Committee, and shall preside at meetings of these committees. The Chairman shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of all standing committees and shall, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, appoint committees and positions deemed necessary to assist in the performance of the chairman's duties. Further, the Chairman shall fill vacancies in the Executive Committee, by and with the consent of the Executive Committee and shall perform all other duties as prescribed by this Charter and the bylaws of the IAP.

**SECTION 3:** The Vice Chairman shall assist the Chairman in the performance of the Chairman's duties. The Vice Chairman shall be first in line of succession to the State Chairman should the office become vacant, until a successor is elected by the next State Convention. At meetings of the State Central and Executive Committees the Vice Chairman shall preside in the absence of the Chairman. The Vice Chairman may chair at least one standing committee.

**SECTION 4:** The State Secretary shall perform the normal duties of a committee secretary, assisting the Chairman in the execution of the Chairman's duties, including recording, keeping, and reporting the minutes of the Central and Executive Committees, safeguarding the non-financial records of the IAP, seeing to the handling of state Party correspondence, and such other duties as shall be required by the Chairman. The State Secretary shall be next in line of succession after the Vice Chairman, and may chair at least one standing committee.

**SECTION 5:** The State Treasurer shall be custodian of all moneys and financial records of the IAP, and shall account for, receive, and disburse funds in accordance with the bylaws of the Central Committee under the direction of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall follow the Secretary in line of succession, and may chair at least one standing committee.

**SECTION 6:** The two National Committeemen shall be elected as State Representatives to the Party's National Committee for purposes of communication, correlation, representation and liaison between the State and National Parties. Preferably, one

National, Committee member shall be selected from each of the State's two Congressional Districts.

**SECTION 7:** Terms of office commence at the conclusion of the State Convention and continue through the State Convention in the next succeeding general election year.

**SECTION 8:** Removal of state officers.

Any State officer of the IAP of Nevada may be removed from office for conduct that is not in harmony with or destructive of the published rules, principles or goals of the Independent American Party in the following manner:

a. Upon receipt of a written "complaint for removal" against any State Officer, signed by any registered voter of the Independent American Party of Nevada, which must set forth the particulars upon which the complaint for removal is based, the State Chairman shall within 30 days of the receipt of the complaint present the Complaint to the members of the State Executive Committee either by mail, by fax, or at its next regular or special meeting. Upon written request to the State Chairman of a majority of the Executive Committee, to be made within 14 days of their receipt of the complaint, the State Chairman must issue a call for a special meeting of the State Executive Committee. If the State Chairman refuses to make this call, then the Vice Chairman shall make the call. The notice of the meeting must include a copy of the complaint to be considered. The accused officer shall be given an opportunity to submit his defense to the charges in writing to the State Chairman who shall provide a copy of the defense to all of the members of the State Executive Committee. The complainant and the accused officer shall be given the opportunity to present their cases to the Executive Committee. The time for the presentations may be limited under Robert's Rules of Order. If the State Chairman is the accused then the next nonaccused officer shall conduct the meeting. If a majority of the State Executive Committee votes in favor of removal, this shall be considered an indictment of the officer in question, and the written indictment, setting forth the reasons for the indictment, shall be considered at the next meeting of the State Central Committee. A State Central Committee meeting must be held within 60 days of the issuance of the indictment to consider removal of the indicted officer. This time may be extended thirty days upon the agreement of any three unindicted State Officer.

b. Under no circumstances shall an accused officer or a complainant ever be allowed to vote on the case. For quorum purposes, their membership on any committee shall not be considered. An indicted officer shall be suspended from office and shall not have the right to vote in any party meeting until his case is finally decided. During any period of suspension, the rules of succession and for replacement of officers as set forth in State Bylaws shall be followed. Any such replacement shall be effective until the case is finally decided. If the final decision is for removal of the accused, that person may not serve again as an IAP State officer unless reelected at a regular State IAP Convention. If the final decision is for retention, then the indicted officer shall be automatically reinstated immediately. If the final decision is for removal, then the temporary replacement shall hold office until the next State convention, or until he resigns or is otherwise removed.

c. Upon the indictment, the State Chairman (or if the State Chairman is the indicted, then the highest unindicted State Officer) shall cause that proper notice of a State Central Committee meeting to consider the indictment be given to the members of the Central Committee. The notice shall specify the matters to be considered and a copy of the original complaint, the accused's written defense, and a copy of the indictment shall be included with the notice. At the meeting to consider removal, the indicted person, the complaining party, and other witnesses as necessary for full consideration of the matter must be given opportunity to present their cases to the State Central Committee, but the time for presentation may be limited under Robert's Rules of Order. The indicted officer shall be removed upon a 2/3 vote of the State Central Committee members present, which shall be final and binding.

## **ARTICLE SIX**

### **AMENDMENTS, BY-LAWS, RULES AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 1:** In the absence of other provisions, Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed in the conduct of all IAP meetings, standing committee meetings, or other meetings. The rules may be waived at any time by a majority vote of the body in session.

**SECTION 2:** This Charter, with the exception of the Preamble and Article One, Section 2, may be amended by a vote of the majority of all delegates in attendance at the State Convention. Provisions for the amendment of the Preamble and Article One, Section 2 are to remain as determined by Article One, Section 2.

**SECTION 3:** This State Constitution and Bylaws shall be the supreme governing rules and bylaws of the IAP of Nevada, and shall take precedence over any conflicting or incompatible provisions in the Constitution and/or Bylaws of any County or other organization of the IAP within the State of Nevada.

## **ARTICLE SEVEN**

### **ELECTIONS AT CONVENTIONS**

**SECTION 1:** All elections for National Delegates, Alternates and Presidential Electors and State Party Officers shall be conducted by roll call of official delegates or upon official written secret ballots provided by the Convention Committee under supervision of the State Party Secretary.

**SECTION 2:** Delegates to regular National Conventions shall be elected at the preceding State Party Convention. Those party members wishing to be delegates to the regular National Conventions shall submit their names to the State Chairman, who shall place them on a ballot in order of receipt. The delegate nominees shall be elected by the order of the number of votes received. The State Chairman shall be ex-officio the first



delegate to the National Convention, unless the State Chairman declines to be a delegate; in which case the first delegate shall be the person receiving the most votes. The first delegate is the leader of the state delegation to the regular National Convention. The State Chairman shall appoint delegates and alternates to the regular National Conventions as necessary, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE EIGHT**

### **NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR POLITICAL OFFICE**

**SECTION 1:** In order to comply with the requirements of state law, these procedures are adopted by the Independent American Party of Nevada forth nomination of candidates for partisan political office. They shall apply only to nominations for political office.

**SECTION 2:** Candidates for President and Vice President shall hereafter be nominated by the National Convention. Candidates for United States Senator, Representative in Congress, and all statewide offices shall be nominated at the State Convention of the Independent American Party of Nevada. All potential nominees for Section 2 offices must receive certification by the State Executive Committee that, in the judgment of the committee, each potential nominee sustains by word and by deed and will abide by all of the principles of the IAP set forth in the Preamble of this State Constitution and Bylaws. Any candidate not so certified may be removed from the party's candidate list by majority vote of the State Executive Committee.

**SECTION 3:** Candidates for other offices shall be nominated as follows: If the district lies entirely within one County, the candidate shall be nominated by the IAP party convention. If the district encompasses parts of more than one County, the candidate shall be nominated by the Caucus of Parties of the respective counties, with the votes of each party weighted by the relative population of the respective counties. All potential nominees for Section 3 offices must receive certification by the County Executive Committee, that, in the judgment of the committee, each potential nominee sustained by word and by deed, and will abide by all of the principles of the IAP set forth in the Preamble to this State Constitution and Bylaws before their names are submitted to the State Convention. If no nomination has been made for an office prior to the State Convention, then the nomination may be made by the State Convention subject to the certification by the State Executive Committee as outlined in Section 2.

The State Central Committee may decertify any nominee for Section 3 offices by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the committee. The name of any nominee so decertified shall not appear on the list of IAP candidates delivered to the Secretary of State pursuant to Article Eight, Section 8, and NRS 297.1725(1).

**SECTION 4:** In the event that no nomination for an office has been made three weeks prior to the last day for filing of the official list of candidates with the Secretary of State, or if any person previously nominated becomes unable to accept the nomination, then a

candidate for such office may be selected by a “Candidate Nominating Committee.”

**SECTION 5:** For the purpose of selecting candidates for Senator, Representative, or statewide office, a “Candidate Nominating Committee: is a meeting of five or more members of the Executive Committee of the Independent American Party of Nevada. For all other offices, it is a meeting of three or more members of the Executive Committee. Participation in such meetings may be by telephone or other electronic means.

**SECTION 6:** All of the above requirements are waived for 1992, and instead the list of candidates shall be determined at the Founding State Meeting in Tonopah on June 20, 1992, by majority vote of those present.

**SECTION 7:** No more than one candidate may be nominated for any office. In the event that more than one candidate has been chosen for an office by the above processes, the State Chairman shall select the nominee from among those so chosen.

**SECTION 8:** A list of the nominated candidates shall be delivered to the Secretary of State by the person designated in the “Certificate of Existence” of the Independent Party of Nevada, or other member of the State Central Committee as designated by the State Chairman, on or before the date required by law.

## **ARTICLE NINE**

### **CREDENTIAL CHALLENGES AND MAJORITY REPORTS**

**SECTION 1:** Any Independent American may challenge any delegate or alternate certified to any convention by notifying the IAP State Secretary in writing before the convention, or as the first order of business after the convening of the convention, at the request of the Chairman for such challenges. At the same time, a copy of the challenge shall be sent by the challenger to the delegate or alternate who is challenged.

**SECTION 2:** A challenge shall include the name of the delegate or alternate who is challenged, the grounds on which the challenge is based, and the name and address of the person(s) submitting the challenge.

**SECTION 3:** There shall be a Credentials Committee which shall consist of the County Chairmen present, and which shall consider any statements from the delegate or alternate being challenged and from any other person who wishes to testify on the challenge. In hearing the challenge, the Credentials Committee may allot a period of time within which the challenger and the challenged shall be granted equal time to make their statements.

**SECTION 4:** In the case of a challenge, the Credentials Committee shall report to the convention the name of the delegate or alternate whom it believes is entitled to participate in the convention.

**SECTION 5:** The convention shall vote on the report of the Credentials Committee on each challenge that is made. The report of the Credentials Committee on each challenge must be approved or rejected by a majority of the vote of the convention before a delegate or alternate being challenged may participate in the convention. No challenged delegate or alternate may vote on the report of the Credentials Committee which involves the challenged delegate.

**SECTION 6:** Any member of any convention committee may submit a minority report to that committee. The committee shall prepare and present such reports to the convention.

## **ARTICLE TEN**

### **AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS**

**SECTION 1:** Any organization, club, publication, or other entity using the name of the Independent American Party, including a County Party, must be properly recognized and chartered by the State Independent American Party, except for Young Independent American Party Chapters, which are to be organized according to the procedure set forth in Article 11.

**SECTION 2:** Any organization desiring to affiliate with the IAP of Nevada shall submit to the State Chairman an application to become chartered (on a form to be obtained from the State Chairman), which shall be signed by the organization's Chairman and Secretary, consisting of a list of all of the officers of the organization, together with its proposed Constitution and Bylaws, and a statement that said officers subscribe to and support the principles of the Independent American Party of Nevada as set forth in the Preamble of the State Constitution and Bylaws. The State Central committee shall review the matters submitted, and upon finding that the organization's Constitution and Bylaws are in harmony with the State Constitution and Bylaws, and that the organization's Officers subscribe to and support the principles of the Independent American Party as set forth in the State Preamble, and that the officers shall properly represent the principles of the IAP, the State Central Committee shall accept the application. Upon acceptance, a Charter shall be issued, signed by the State Chairman and Secretary, officially acknowledging the organization as a Chartered organization under the State Constitution and

Bylaws. The decision to accept or reject shall be by majority vote of the members of the State Central Committee present and voting.

If, at any subsequent time, the organization fails to meet the Chartering criteria set forth above, the State Central Committee shall have the power, by majority vote, to revoke the Charter of that organization. Said revocation of a Charter may only be voted upon at a regular or special meeting of the State Central Committee, with at least two weeks' notice given to the officers of the organization in question, and only after an opportunity has been given to the officers of the organization to speak before the State

Central Committee.

**SECTION 3:** State Procedure for removal of a county officer.

Any officer of a county organization of the IAP of Nevada may be removed from office for conduct that is not in harmony with or destructive of the published rules, principles or goals of the Independent American Party only in the following manner:

- a. Upon receipt of a written “complaint for removal” from any registered voter of the Independent American Party of Nevada, which must set forth the particulars upon which the call for removal is based, the State officers shall consider the Complaint, and if any two officers so request, the Complaint shall be presented to the State Executive Committee at its next regular or special meeting. The notice of the meeting must include a copy of the complaint to be considered. The accused officer shall be given an opportunity to submit his defense to the charges in writing to the State Chairman, who shall provide a copy of the charges to all members of the State Executive Committee. The complainant and the accused officer shall be given the opportunity to present their cases to the Executive Committee. The time for presentations may be limited under Robert’s Rules of Order. If a majority of the State Executive Committee votes in favor of removal, this shall be considered an indictment of the officer in question, and the written indictment, setting forth the reasons for the indictment, shall be forwarded to the County Chairman, or if the County Chairman is the indicted officer, to the highest unindicted County Officer, with instructions that a special meeting of the County Central Committee shall be held within four weeks of receipt of the notice of the indictment to consider removal.

Under no circumstances shall an accused officer or a complainant ever be allowed to vote on the case. For quorum purposes, their membership on any committee shall not be considered. An indicted officer shall be immediately and automatically suspended from office and shall not have the right to vote in any party meeting until his case has been decided by the County Central Committee. During any period of suspension, the rules of succession or replacement of officers as set forth in that County’s Bylaws shall be followed. Any such replacement shall be effective until the case is decided by the County Central Committee. If the decision is for removal of the officer, that officer may not serve again as an IAP officer unless reelected at a regular County convention. If the decision is for retention, then the indicted officer shall be automatically reinstated immediately. If the decision is for removal, then the temporary replacement shall hold office until the next County convention, or until he resigns or is otherwise removed, or until there is a reversal of the removal upon appeal.

- b. Upon receipt of notice of the indictment, the County Chairman (or if the

County Chairman is the indicted, then the highest unindicted County officer) shall cause that proper notice of a Central Committee meeting to consider the indictment shall be given to the members of the Central Committee. The notice shall specify the matters to be considered and a copy of the original complaint, the accused's written defense, and a copy of the indictment shall be included with the notice. The indicted officer, the complainant, and other witnesses as necessary for full consideration of the matter must be given opportunity to be heard by the County Central Committee, but the time for presentation may be limited under Robert's Rules of Order. The indicted officer shall be removed upon a 2/3 vote of the County Central Committee.

- d. If for any reason the County Central Committee does not act on the indictment within six weeks of the date that notice of the indictment was mailed, then the State Central Committee shall be empowered to act in the stead of the County Central Committee to consider the indictment upon the same procedure as set forth in the preceding paragraph, except that the State Chairman shall, within four weeks after the failure of the County Central Committee to act on the indictment has come to his attention, issue a call for a special meeting of the State Central Committee to consider the indictment. Notice requirements shall be as set forth in the State Bylaws. This meeting shall be held not later than 60 days after the issuance of the call.
- e. A decision by a County Central Committee to remove or not to remove a County officer is appealable to the State Central Committee by either side upon payment of a \$50 fee to the IAP State Treasurer, or a mandatory appeal may be ordered by the State Chairman upon his personal payment of \$50, and such appeal shall be heard at the next meeting of the State Central Committee, be it the regular meeting or a special meeting. An appeal by either side is to be delivered in writing to the State Chairman within 14 days after the decision on the case is made by the County Central Committee and must also be simultaneously mailed to the opposing side. An answer to the appeal may also be submitted to the State chairman in writing by the opposing side within 30 days after the decision of the County Central Committee. Any answer must simultaneously be mailed to the other side. If the appeal is by order of the State Chairman, he shall instruct the parties in writing as to when their answers to the appeal are due. The State Chairman shall place the appeal on the agenda of the next meeting of the State Central Committee, which must be held within 60 days after he receives notice of the appeal or within 60 days after he orders a mandatory appeal. This time may be extended 30 days upon the agreement of the Chairman and two other State Officers. The complainant and the accused officer must be copied on the notice of the meeting. Copies of the appeal and any answer must be supplied by the State Chairman to all members of the State Central

Committee. The indicted officer and the complainant must be given the opportunity to present their cases to the State Central Committee, with witnesses. The time for presentations may be limited under Robert's Rules of Order. The decision of the Central Committee on the appeal shall be by majority vote, except that a decision of reversal which results in the removal of the officer must be by a 2/3 vote.

- f. The officer so removed shall be replaced according to the rules for replacement set forth in that County's Bylaws. During any appeal, a removed officer shall remain suspended until the appeal has been heard and decided by the State Central Committee. If for any reason the County organization does not act to fill a vacancy created by removal of a county officer within six weeks of the removal, then the State Chairman may appoint someone to fill the office with the consent of the State Executive Committee.
- g. A vote of the State Central Committee taken under either paragraphs 3 or 4 shall be final and binding.

## **ARTICLE ELEVEN**

### **YOUNG INDEPENDENT AMERICANS**

**SECTION 1:** There shall be a State Young Independent American Party, (hereafter referred to as YIAP), which shall be chartered according to the procedures set forth in Article Ten. The officers of this Chapter shall be chosen by the Caucus of the YIAP at the State Convention. The YIAP Caucus shall be composed of all members in good standing from each County who are selected as delegates to the State Convention by the YIAP Caucus at the County Convention. The State Chairman of each county chapter shall automatically be a member of the State Central Committee of the State YIAP.

**SECTION 2:** All interested members of the IAP 30 years or under may be organized into chapters of the YIAP. Any Chapter of the YIAP is to be chartered by the party of the county in which its headquarters are located. The County Chairman shall appoint one and where possible two advisors to provide guidance and advice to each YIAP Chapter. Advisors must be registered members of the IAP and be of good moral character and be members of the County Central Committee. The Chapter Chairman of the County YIAP shall be a voting member of the County Central Committee and a voting member of the State YIAP Central Committee.

All publications and literature produced in the name of the State YIAP must be approved by the State Chairman before it is distributed. All publications and literature produced in the name of the County YIAP must be approved by the County Chairman before it is distributed.

**SECTION 3:** State YIAP officers may be removed from office pursuant to the procedures set forth in Article Five, Section 8. County YIAP officers may be remove from office pursuant to the procedures set forth in Article Ten, Section 3, or pursuant to any rules for removal contained in the County Constitution and Bylaws.

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Changes adopted by majority vote of those present at the State Convention of the Independent American Party of Nevada, held in Elko, Nevada, April 19-20, 2002.

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	IAP CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN	